



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
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Town Clerk (860)441-6640
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Representative Town Meeting

Moderator Rita Schmidt

Representatives Joe Baril, Tom Barnhart, Lori Bartinik, Alicia Bauer, Genevieve Cerf, Michael Collins, Syma Ebbin, Peter Fairbank, Robert Garcia, Patrice Granatosky, Dolores Harrell, Debra Jenkins, Carole McCarthy, Kevin McMahon, Richard Metayer, David Miner, Deborah Monteiro, James Moulding, Scott Newsome, Nora Patterson, Deborah Peruzzotti, Joy Plunket, Robert Post, Kevin Power, Don Pratt, Mary-Ellen Schefers, Eleanor Scussel, Jack Sebastian, Jennifer Smuts, Eleanor Steere, Fritz Stein, Joan Steinford, Irma Streeter, Mark Svencer, Patti Thunberg, Cheryl Tilney, Kevin Trejo, Tom Vivirito, Robert Walker Sr, and John Wheeler.

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

7:30 PM

Senior Center

Regular Meeting

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND SALUTE TO THE FLAG
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2006
(These minutes were mailed previously.)
- D. CITIZENS' PETITIONS
- E. RECEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS
- F. REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER:
 - 1. Financial report
 - 2. Monthly briefing
- G. LIAISON REPORTS
 - 1. Town Council - Rep. Monteiro
 - 2. Economic Development Commission - Rep. Cerf
 - 3. Town Council/Board of Education/RTM Liaison Committee - Rep. Patterson
 - 4. Permanent School Building Committee - Rep. Miner
 - 5. P.B.F.D. Consolidation Review Committee - Reps. Baril & Steinford
 - 6. Shellfish Task Force - Rep. Ebbin
- H. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - 1. FINANCE

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Granatosky

2006-0215 Supplemental Appropriation for the Revaluation Fund

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN FYE 2007 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE REVALUATION FUND

WHEREAS, the Town Council elected to exercise the local option provided by CGS 12-621 and

postponed the 2005 revaluation until October 2006, and

WHEREAS, the contract signed with the revaluation company, Tyler/CLT, on May 17, 2006 did not include the field review of all real estate parcels, as we had performed that task during the 2005 revaluation process, and

WHEREAS, an appropriation of \$179,475 was approved for the Revaluation Fund by the Town Council and Representative Town Meeting during the FYE 2007 budgetary deliberations for the 2006 revaluation, and

WHEREAS, recent state legislation now requires that a field review be conducted and as defined by the new law requires the examination of each parcel of real property by a review appraiser in its neighborhood setting, and

WHEREAS, in order to be in compliance with state law, staff requested and Tyler/CLT provided information that the new legislation would increase the cost of the 2006 revaluation by \$27,400, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that an FYE 2007 supplemental appropriation of \$27,400 from the Revaluation Funds' fund balance be approved for the Revaluation Fund and referred to the Representative Town Meeting.

Legislative History

7/25/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
8/1/2006	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
8/1/2006	Town Council	Adopted and Referred	Representative Town Meeting
8/9/2006	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Finance Committee

2. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Vivirito**

3. EDUCATION

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Patterson**

4. HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Wheeler**

5. RECREATION

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town- Chairman Power**

6. PUBLIC SAFETY

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Pratt**

7. PUBLIC WORKS

- a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Collins**

2006-0228 Water Pollution Control Facility Expansion - Additional Funding

RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION AND EXTENDING

APPROPRIATION FOR ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY.

WHEREAS, the Town of Groton (the "Town") approved Ordinance No. 233 at referendum on November 5, 1996, which appropriated \$10,388,000 and authorized borrowing in the same amount for additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility; and

WHEREAS, the Town approved Ordinance No. 242 at referendum on May 23, 2000, which appropriated an additional \$5,112,000 for the project and included in the project facilities to remove nitrogen from the wastewater and authorized borrowing in the same amount, for an aggregate appropriation and borrowing authorization of \$15,500,000;

WHEREAS, the State authorized in Section 40 of Public Act No. 04-1, May 2004 Special Session, an additional grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements;

WHEREAS, the Town appropriated an additional \$2,000,000 for the Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements to be funded from such State grant, for an aggregate appropriation of \$17,500,000;

WHEREAS, Section 8.4.5 of the Charter provides that any appropriation for construction or other permanent improvement which has not been completely expended at the end of five years from the date thereof shall thereupon lapse;

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has reported that the additions and improvements to the Water Pollution Control Facility for which said appropriation was made cannot reasonably be completed, and the entire amount of said appropriation cannot be expended by the end of five years from the effective date of the last appropriating resolution and has recommended that said appropriation be extended by reappropriating that portion of the \$17,500,000 which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution;

WHEREAS, the aggregate appropriation is not sufficient to complete the project based on the bidding process undertaken this calendar year, and failure to rebid the project and start construction this calendar year may result in the loss of State grants and loans for the project;

WHEREAS, the Water Pollution Control Authority has recommended that the Town authorize additional funding in the amount of \$3,400,000 for the project, to be funded from balances in the Sewer Operating Fund and the Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund, including amounts previously appropriated for certain projects for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007;

WHEREAS, the Director of Finance has certified that an additional appropriation of \$3,400,000 may be funded from balances in the Sewer Operating Fund and the Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund, including amounts previously appropriated for certain projects for fiscal years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Town to continue the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility additions and improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That any portion of said \$17,500,000 aggregate appropriation which has not been expended on the effective date of this resolution shall be extended and reappropriated, provided that the total amount expended as of the effective date of this resolution, pursuant to said appropriation under Ordinance No. 233 and Ordinance No. 242 and the resolution appropriating the \$2,000,000 State grant, plus the portion which is reappropriated shall not exceed \$17,500,000; and

(b) That an additional \$3,400,000 is hereby appropriated for the Water Pollution Control Facility Project approved in Ordinance No. 233 and 242, and that said additional appropriation be funded from (1) fund balances in the Sewer Operating Fund in the amount of \$1,932,000 to be transferred to the Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund, (2) rescinding the appropriations from the Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund of \$350,000 for HVAC Improvements in fiscal year 2005-2006 and \$700,00 for installation of a second generator with associated electrical components in fiscal year 2006-2007 and applying such \$1,050,000 resulting balance to the Water Pollution Control Facility Project; and (3) from \$418,000 of other fund balances from the Water Pollution Control Authority's portion of the Capital Reserve Fund.

Legislative History

8/15/2006	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
8/15/2006	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
8/15/2006	Town Council	Adopted and referred under Rule 6.5.3	Representative Town Meeting

This item was referred under Rule 6.5.3.

Councilor Wright stated that it was the Town Manager's opinion that the final cost which exceeds the bond authorization expenditure amount will not require the Council to go back to the voters for an additional bond authorization.

Responding to Councilor Wright, Councilor O'Beirne clarified that this additional \$3,400,000 is not an additional bond authorization but money that is already in the "coffers".

8/16/2006	Representative Town Meeting	Referred	RTM Public Works Committee
<i>Referred under Rule 6.5.3</i>			

8. RULES & PROCEDURES

a. Chairman's notes on the business of the Town - Chairman Stein

I. OTHER BUSINESS

J. ADJOURNMENT